GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SAKA ISSUANCE OF NOTICES BY DELHI TRAFFIC POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the notices are being sent by Delhi Traffic Police to alleged violators of traffic rules under the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, the procedure followed by the Delhi Traffic Police to issue notices of traffic violations;

(c) whether such notices are accompanied by any documentary proof in support of violation of traffic rules alleged to have been committed by the driver of the vehicle;

(d) if so, the nature of such documentary proof;

(e) if not, the remedy available to the person to prove himself not guilty;

(f) whether any action has been taken by the Government against the officials of the Traffic Police Deptt. who issued notices in contravention to rules; and

(g) if so, the details thereof including number of such notices issued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Traffic violations on roads and traffic intersections noted by traffic officials are scanned and edited by Computer Centre of Traffic Police after its receipt in the prescribed performa and notices are issued to registered owners of vehicles after matching the data with ownership records of databank.

(c) to (e): In cases where traffic violations are recorded by red light and speed check cameras or other speed checking devices, photo copy of recorded violation is sent with the notice. In other cases, only registration number, colour and make of the vehicles along with place and time of violation of traffic rules are mentioned in the notices. The defaulter is given 15 days` time to furnish required information or pay compounding amount at designated centers. He/she is given option to pay the compounding fine or contest the challan in the court of Metropolitan Magistrate or make representation to senior officers. On receipt of complaint, if it is found after enquiry that the notices have been issued erroneously, the same is withdrawn.

(f) and (g): Sometimes traffic officials are not able to record correctly the make, colour or registration number of the vehicle involved in violation of traffic rules due to poor light, defective number plate, mixing of various types of vehicles, etc. To deal with such cases. A grievance redressal system is in place and if complainant`s version is found to be correct, the notices are withdrawn. If any official is found to be guilty of deliberately issuing wrong notices, necessary disciplinary action is taken against such officials. Out of 18756 such complaints received during 2004, 2005 and 2006 (upto 15th February), only 6421 notices, where it was found after enquiry that they had been issued erroneously, were withdrawn. Complaint of issuing wrong challan against one official was substantiated in 2004 and he was awarded the penalty of forfeiture of two years of approved service permanently.